



# Region 8 Animal Control Newsletter

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## **Region 8 Continuing Education and Training Opportunities**

If you have questions regarding any of the classes,  
contact the Zoonosis Program at 830-278-7173.

**September 11**, Continuing Education, Leon Valley  
Topic: Shelter Inspections and Minimum Standards  
for impoundment facilities

**October 29**, Continuing Education (an 8 hour  
seminar), Live Oak  
Topic: It’s All About Money (see page 2)

**November 13**, Continuing Education, Gonzales  
Topic: TBA

## **Training Opportunities** (Outside Region 8)

### **Region 1 — Lubbock**

**November 4-5**, Basic ACO Course  
Contact: Karen McDonald; 806-767-0427 or  
Dr. James Alexander; 806-655-7151

### **Region 3 — Arlington**

**September 17-19**, Advanced ACO Course  
**October 22-24**, Basic ACO Course  
Contact: Jan Buck or Becky Garcia; 817-264-4920

### **Region 4 & 5N — Tyler**

**October 7-9**, Basic ACO Course  
Contact: Dr. James Wright; 903-533-5212

### **Region 6 & 5S — Houston**

**October 21-22**, Basic ACO Course  
**December 9-10**, Advanced ACO Course  
Contact: Dr. Dana Beckham, Gary Johnson or Michelle  
Adams; 713-767-3300

### **Region 7 — Temple**

**September 17-18**, Advanced ACO Course  
**October 22-23**, Basic ACO Course  
Contact: Dr. Beverlee Nix; 254-778-6744

### **Region 11 — Harlingen**

No courses scheduled at this time.  
Contact: Dr. Laura Robinson or Greg Pye;  
956-444-3224

## Region 8 Positive Rabies Cases

Region 8 had three positive rabies cases in August. Following is a brief description of these cases.

### Bexar County



A six-month-old Pit Bull puppy was playing with a bat. The puppy was not previously vaccinated for rabies. It was euthanized.

### Comal County



A couple found a live bat in the Wal-Mart parking lot in New Braunfels. They took the bat home to rehabilitate it. Each time they fed the bat, they wrapped it in paper towels and used a syringe. The bat was taken to a bat conservationist, who noticed it was sick and submitted it for rabies testing.

### Uvalde County



A live bat was found flopping around in the grass of one of the elementary schools in Uvalde. Uvalde Animal Control was called for rabies submission. There were no known exposures.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Animal Control Conference

The Southwest Texas Animal Care and Control Association and TDH-Region 8 had a meeting on August 13 to discuss the annual animal control conference. It was decided that the conference will be held in February 2004. Keep watching the newsletters. We will include updates as information becomes available.

### The Prices Have Gone Up!!

On September 1, the price of the ACO Training Manual increased from \$25 to \$50. In addition, there is now a \$75 fee to attend the ACO Basic, Advanced and Administrative Training Courses. The ACO Training Manual can also be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/animcont/ANIMCONT.ASP>

## E-Mail

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Everyone knows about budget cuts and restraints. Our budget has been hit hard. We would like to be able to continue to distribute the monthly newsletter, continuing education flyers and rabies bulletins. Instead of mailing or faxing these, we want to E-mail as many as possible. We have started building E-mail lists for our contacts in Region 8. If you have an E-mail address at work or at home that you would like to use, please E-mail Sherry at [Sherry.Cain@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:Sherry.Cain@tdh.state.tx.us). We appreciate your help!!



## It's All About Money

Dr. Catherine Tull



We were having a round table discussion before the start of the last Southwest Texas Animal Care & Control Association board meeting and everyone was talking about money: problems with developing budgets, problems with budget cuts, problems with being asked to do more with less money, problems, problems and more problems, and it was all about money. So, I thought that a one day seminar addressing these issues would be very helpful for our animal control professionals. I contacted some very successful and experienced budget / management speakers and we are planning a very "user friendly", one day seminar to be held at the Live Oak Community Center (in San Antonio) on October 29<sup>th</sup>. After the presentations, we will set aside time for your budget questions and for you to get suggestions from our panel of experienced animal control budget managers. So, come to the "It's all about Money" Seminar and get some great, practical information that you can use to solve your budget headaches.